# **Amberg Wildlife Area**

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## **Property Overview**

Amberg Wildlife Area is located in north-central Marinette County southwest of the town of Amberg, in an area of extensive public lands, including other Wildlife Areas, the Pike Wild River, and Marinette County lands. The property is 1,170 acres in size and was established in 1948. Much of the property consists of young, dense conifer swamp. This lowland forest grades to uplands in some portions of the property, which contain forests of aspen, northern pin oak, and jack pine as well as grassy openings.

#### **Public Use and Recreation Facilities**

Amberg Wildlife Area is open to a variety of recreational activities, including hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, hiking, cross-country skiing, and gathering of wild edibles. Hunting is the primary public use. A snowmobile trail, which connects to a regional network, traverses a portion of the property. A network of primitive roads provides access to the property, and there are four parking areas.

## **Natural Resources Management**

Originally purchased to manage for deer yard habitat, Amberg Wildlife Area is now managed for forest wildlife (primarily game species) and public hunting, and to perpetuate the unique native communities and associated species present, particularly older white cedar forest in the lowlands, grading into dry pine-oak forest in the uplands. A portion of the property is managed with prescribed fire, ground layer enhancement and timber harvesting to maintain pine-oak barrens habitat.

### **Special Attributes**

Amberg Wildlife Area is encompassed within the Amberg <u>Conservation Opportunity Area</u> identified in the Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan.

